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## APRIL MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday  
9 April 1992  
time: 6:00 p.m.  
Executive Committee  
7:05 p.m.  
Meeting  
place: Wyatt's Cafeteria  
Hancock Center

Well, the first month of the new meeting format and schedule turned out fairly well. A couple of problems that remain to be worked out were noticed by some of those attending. First, promptness and a strict schedule is absolutely necessary for the Exec. Comm. to finish their work in time to adjourn for the regular meeting. Please be on time!

Secondly, a concern was raised that those who liked to enjoy fellowship before the meeting would have trouble doing so in the same room as the Exec. Comm. One or the other might use the main dining room then rejoin for the regular meeting. Remember, please, that EVERYONE who so desires may come and participate in the Exec. Comm. meeting prior to the start of the regular meeting. These will soon be worked out so that meetings will

run smoother. Now, what about those of you that wanted this format change and were staying away. Where are you? It is time for your presence at the regular meeting. They are short with only ceremony and a program--just what you asked for!

The program this month will be brought by RON TROWER who will speak on "FORT MAGRUDER", a Confederate fort discovered in South Austin. Trenches have been found. The site will be explored, but is scheduled to be destroyed by the expansion of Ben White Blvd. Come hear about this find in our own backyard. Visitors, prospects and family members are invited to attend. Y'all come!

## CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Confederate Memorial Day is April 26th. We are to have a cooperative ceremony with the UDC at 2:00 p.m. at the State Cemetery. The Confed. Memorial Day is the forerunner of our National Memorial Day and is held earlier since our beautiful Southern flowers bloom sooner than the Northern counterparts. Make plans to attend and thereby honor our fallen Confederates--both of the last century as well as those of the SCV.

## DELINQUENT COMPATRIOTS

Our By Laws are very specific about the timetable concerning the payment of dues. They are due on January 1st of each year. After March 31st, those who have not paid are considered delinquent. After June 30, if they are still not paid, the Compatriots are suspended from the SCV!

Dues notices were sent out in the January newsletter. Reminders were put in the February newsletter, and a special Delinquency notice was placed in the March newsletters of those who had so far ignored requests for dues.

The Adjutant reports that the Camp has 54 paid members as of the present time. Unfortunately 14 Compatriots have not seen fit to inform us of their intentions toward paying dues for 1992 and will be classed DELINQUENT as of the end of this month. As membership is perhaps the duty of us all, how about a personal contact with those you feel closest to and share your concern about their not paying their dues. Ask them to consider sending in their dues immediately! We really cannot afford to lose members in these hard times. These are the Compatriots who are Delinquent: James Cooke, Bill Cooper, Eddie Davis, Wyndy Faulk, H.T. Haile, Rob Jones, Jr., Joe Dale Morris, Jeffrey Morris, Frank Poplin, Bradley Staats, Trent Staats, Steven Willhoite, Wes Williams, and J.L. Wood, Jr.

We have had one death; two requested to be suspended because they did not desire their membership to continue; one transferred to San Antonio (Don Hays), and one transferred to HQ Camp (David Morris). The Adjutant expects that a few of these delinquent dues will finally come in, but the unfortunate thing is that some of these will have to be dropped eventually.

## RECRUITING SGT.'S REPORT

The Recruiting Sergeant is pleased to report that two have signed up for the 1992 campaign as of the March meeting. One is a transfer from the Albert S. Johnston Camp #67 in Houston. STEPHENS EDWARD DELAYE joins Camp #59 upon the record of his Great, Great Grandfather James Calvin DeLaye who was a member of Co. E, 25th Texas Cavalry, Grandbury's Brigade, Walker's Division, Hill's Corps, Army of Tennessee. He served until 20 September 1863 when he was killed on the 2nd day of the Battle of Chickamauga. Compatriot DeLaye now resides in Corpus Christi, Texas, and intends on moving to Austin sometime in the near future. His Austin address and phone will be printed later. He is an engineer.

GEORGE S. DAUGHARTY joins the SCV upon the record of his Great, Great, Great Grandfather Cowper Irby Shelton who was a private in Co. E & F, 28th Battalion, Georgia Siege Artillery. He was captured at Farmville, Virginia, on 6 April 1865. Compatriot Daugharty lives at 1403 Norwalk Lane A109, Austin 78703, #479-0057.

Doff your kepis and let's hear three loud "huzzas" for these good Southerners. We hope to see you often at meetings.

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## SAN SABA MUSTER CALL

Our participation as uniformed Confederates in conjunction with the Waco camp at a flag dedication ceremony was approved at the March meeting. Saturday, 11 April will see the dedication of three flags on the courthouse grounds -- the U.S., Texas, and Stars & Bars. The San Saba High School Band and Hill College Confederate Band will perform. Our camp will supply the Color Guard for the Confederate flag. Centex Brigade Cdr. John Perry will dedicate the flag. About 8 agreed at the meeting to help dedicate our flag in San Saba. We need to be in place at 10:00 a.m. for the 10:30 ceremony. Those who agreed to go please mark your calendars. Details pertaining to carpooling and/or caravaning will be discussed at the April meeting. We will be fed lunch and be free to leave. Estimated time of departure for San Saba will probably be about 7:30 a.m.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday & Saturday - 3 & 4 April - Executive Comm. meeting of the Texas Division at Hill College Hillsboro; anyone may attend; Confederate Symposium.

Thursday - 9 April - Regular monthly exec. comm. and program meeting.

Saturday - 11 April - Flag dedication ceremony in San Saba; uniformed Confederates need to arrive by 10:00 a.m.; lunch provided.

Saturday & Sunday - 11 & 12 April - Reenactment of the Battle of Pleasant Hill, La.

Sunday - 26 April - Confederate Memorial Day with the UDC at 2:00 p.m. Texas State Cemetery; two Compatriots to receive Cross of Military Service.

Sunday - 3 May - assist the UDC with marking a Real Daughter grave and ancestor grave in Elgin.

Saturday - 16 May - Armed Forces Day at Camp Mabry; WBTS action including possible reenactment; uniformed troops will be needed.

## CAMP NEWS

Committee chairmen appointed at March meeting: Applications-John Hagler, Reenactment & Ceremonies-Dan Kuykendall, Ways & Means-Greg Matetzschk, Entertainment-Allen Hector, Confederate Blood Fund-Kerry Hellums, Long Term Goals-David Couch, Grave Marking-Jim Yancy. Ever considered supplemental ancestor recognition? Just recently Patrick Reilly sent 6 supplemental applications through the Adjutant to HQ. He will receive 6 supplemental certificates just for the cost of the certificates.

The Confederate Blood Fund still needs donors. Our account has 17 credits. How about donating if you are eligible? You could save a life. Isn't that worth the momentary inconvenience? Details pertaining to donations are available from the Blood Center on North Lamar, your Adjutant, Comp. Ed Smith, or Chmn. Kerry Hellums.

## TEST SQUARE

Breathe on the test square below. If the color changes, see your Doctor immediately. If, however, the color remains the same, you are healthy enough to attend your Camp meeting.



## TAPS

As night came to the humid, rolling hills of Virginia in July of 1862, an eerie silence would sometimes fall. In both Union and Confederate camps the wounded were being tended, the dead mourned. The piercing, melancholy sounds of the buglers would bid the day goodby and break the stillness. On one of these nights, Union General Daniel Butterfield listened closely to the sounds of these bugles. He thought they should capture more closely what the soldiers were feeling. And so he decided to write a melody. Whistling and writing by candlelight, he composed a melody and gave it to his company bugler to play. Thus the first rendition of "Taps" echoed through the countryside. Its mournful strains were soon played by other buglers

on both sides and became part of the legacy of the WBTS.

## AUSTIN CSA FORT FOUND

Fort Magruder, a Confederate fort, has been located at the corner of Ben White Blvd. and Congress Ave. in the Northwest quadrant. The only fly in the ointment is that in the work to be done to expand Ben White, a great deal of the fort's visible remains will be lost. The Highway Dep't., at last report, is deciding what to do. The Archaeology Dep't. at UT will be able to do some work before hand.

We will have a local expert on this subject speak to us about Fort Magruder and its future at our April meeting. Look for information on the program and meeting elsewhere in this newsletter. Don't miss this one!

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